

Tidewater Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2006



Daily Events

Sunday, October 1 **Portsmouth**
 Exhibit and **CHILDREN'S ARCHAEOLOGY**
 Fee-free day: **ACTIVITIES & EXHIBIT** at the
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD MUSEUM—visitors can participate in activities that demonstrate how archaeologists discover ancient artifacts and share the resulting knowledge with other scholars in order to learn about cultures that lived in the Tidewater area. This event compliments the exhibit *Up a Narrow River* about Native American tribes who lived here before the region was settled by immigrants.
 Sponsor: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum
 Location: 2 High Street
 Time: 1–5 p.m.
 Contact: (757) 393-8591
 Web: www.portsnaval museums.com

Preview in September

**POWHATAN INDIAN, EUROPEAN & AFRICAN
CULTURES THAT CONVERGED IN
17TH-CENTURY VIRGINIA**



2007 Heritage Series
 Route 31 South and the Colonial Parkway
 Free Public Lectures at 3 p.m., Sundays

- Sept 10 *Frontiers of Knowledge: Powhatan Indian and English cultural Exchanges in 17th-Century Virginia* by Lisa Heuvel, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation outreach education production associate, and Sam McGowan, Mattaponi tribal historian and Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation interpreter..
- Sept 17 *The Character of Captain John Smith: Lessons in Leadership and Life* by David A. Price, journalist and author of *Love and Hate in Jamestown*.
- Sept 24 *African and African-American Life in Early 17th-Century Virginia* by Ywone Edwards-Ingram, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation staff archaeologist and coordinator of African-American archaeology.

For information contact: (757) 253-4838

Field Work Opportunity

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING at the JAMES MONROE BIRTHPLACE SITE

Westmoreland County
 James Monroe Highway (Route 205)
 1.5 Miles South of Colonial Beach—Monroe Hall

October 3–7, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Sponsors: The James Monroe Memorial Foundation (JMMF)
 The William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research (WMCAR)

James Monroe Birthplace Site: In 1976, state archaeologists uncovered the footprint of the mid-18th-Century dwelling where the fifth president was born and lived until leaving for college. The current work will explore 74 acres surrounding the house. The JMMF plans to eventually reconstruct and interpret the dwelling and any outbuildings that were present.

- **Hands-On Participation:** send an email to ibjone@wm.edu or call (757) 221-2580. Indicate day(s) and length of time available.
- **Sign-Up Sheet:** posted in the Westmoreland County Museum in Montross.
- **Visits:** view the site during excavation. School groups encouraged. (757) 719-4022

www.monroefoundation.org

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at **HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE**

Colonial National Historical Park
The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities
Jamestown Rediscovery

Saturday, October 7

Kid's Program and Site Tours—Special activities such as ranger-led walking tours of the historic site, a special archaeology program for children, the new *Archaearium* exhibiting artifacts from the 1607 fort site. Staff at the archaeological dig of the 1607 site and a children's souvenir clay pinch pot program will highlight the latest archaeological discoveries at Historic Jamestowne, engaging visitors to learn more about the importance of historical archaeology at the site of the first permanent English settlement in North America and the importance of the Virginia Indians to our history.

For further information contact the National Park Service at (757) 229-1733, or the APVA at (757) 229-0412. Historic Jamestowne is located at the west end of the Colonial Parkway. Admission fee to the park is \$8 per adult, children 16 and under are free. www.nps.gov/colo/

Saturday, October 7

Chase City

Artifact ID: **ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at the MacCALLUM MORE MUSEUM & GARDENS**—Archaeologist, Jack Hranicky, will identify artifacts brought in by the public. Flintknapper Clinton Curley will give demonstrations. Archaeological books will be available. Visit the Arthur Robinson Indian Artifact exhibit dating from 9500 BC – 1600 AD.

Sponsor: MacCallum More Museum & Gardens
Location: 603 Hudgins Street
Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Contact: (434) 372–0502
Web: www.mmmg.org

Thursday, October 12

Yorktown

Exhibition **The LEGACY of YORKTOWN: VIRGINIA BECKONS**—This new exhibition will examine how people from many different cultures, those in Virginia before the 1607 founding of Jamestown and those who arrived later, shaped a new society, with a focus on immigration from 1607 to 1830 and the stimulus created by the founding of the republic.

Sponsor: The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Location: Yorktown Victory Center
Route 1020, at the edge of Yorktown
Time: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., daily
Contact: (757) 253-4838
Web: www.historyisfun.org/yorktown/yorktown.cfm

Monday, October 16

*Adjacent to Historic
Jamestowne*

Exhibition **NEW JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT**
Opening: **EXHIBITION GALLERIES and FILM**—New 30,000 sq. ft. gallery exhibits and a new introductory film explores Jamestown's beginnings as a business venture, the impact of European colonization on the Powhatan Indian culture, and the origins of the first known Africans in Virginia. Virginia archaeological artifacts are integrated into the gallery setting which will have 3-dimensional life-size structures and small theaters.

Sponsor: The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Location: Jamestown Settlement
Route 31 South, adjacent to Historic Jamestowne
Time: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., daily
Contact: (757) 253-4838
Web: www.historyisfun.org/jamestown/jamestown.cfm

October 14-22

Stratford

Site **THE OVAL SITE at STRATFORD HALL**
Tour: **PLANTATION**—Come visit and tour a mid-18th –century site complex at Stratford Hall Plantation, known as *the Oval site* due to its location on the landscaped field in front of the Lee family mansion. This site served as a farm quarter. The tour includes ongoing excavation and preservation of recovered artifacts.

Sponsor: The Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
Location: Stratford Hall Plantation
483 Great House Road
Off Virginia route 214
Time: 10 a.m.–4 p.m., daily
Contact: (804) 493-8038
Web: www.stratfordhall.org

Saturday, October 14

Courtland

Heritage **SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY HERITAGE**
Day: **DAY**—crafts demonstrations, including Indian flintknapping as well as artifact identification by members of the Archeological Society of Virginia.

Sponsor: Southampton County Historical Society
Location: Southampton Agriculture and Forestry Museum/Heritage Village
Beside Blount Electric in Courtland,
Time: 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Contact: (757) 653-9554
Web: www.virginia.org/site/

Saturday, October 14 **Virginia Beach**
 Artifact ID **ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION DAY at**
 Day: **the FRANCIS LAND HOUSE—**
Members of the Nansemond Chapter of
the Archeological Society of Virginia
will be on hand to identify artifacts and
other mysterious finds. Flintknapping
demonstrations by Bill Gillenwaters.
 Sponsor: Nansemond Chapter of the
 Archeological Society of Virginia
 Location: The Francis Land House
 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard
 Time: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Contact: (757) 431-4000

Sunday, October 15 **Warsaw**
 Lecture & **ARCHAEOLOGY at LUNENBURG**
 Site Tour: **PARISH, LOWER CHURCH—Thane**
Harpole, of the Fairfields Foundation, will
speak on the archaeological excavations at
Lunenburg Parish, Lower church,
followed by a visit to the site of the church.
 Sponsor: Richmond County Museum
 Location: Wellford Hall, St. John's Church
 5987 Richmond Road
 Time: Lecture 3 p.m., site visit following the lecture
 Contact: (804) 333-4333 or (804) 333-3607

Saturday, October 21 **Kilmarnock**
 Artifact ID **ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION DAY at**
 Day: **the KILMARNOCK MUSEUM—**
Experts from Nansemond Chapter of
the Archeological Society of Virginia
will identify artifacts brought in by the
public. No appraisals.
 Sponsor: The Kilmarnock Museum
 Location: 76 N. Main Street
 Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Contact: (804) 435-2473

October 1–November 4 **Gloucester**
 Exhibit: **GREENWICH PLANTATION: HOME**
of JOHN FOX—Fox family artifacts
from the first recorded owners of this
historic Botetourt building in which is
housed the Gloucester Museum of
History.
 Sponsor: The Gloucester County Historical
 Committee
 Location: Gloucester Museum of History
 6539 Main Street
 Time: Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Saturdays: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
 Closed Sundays
 Admission: \$1
 Contact: (804) 693-1234

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **Virginia Beach**
Tuesdays in October
 Kid's **TODDLER TUESDAYS PRE-**
 Program: **SCHOOL PROGRAMS—Join**
Aquarium educators each Tuesday
morning for songs and stories about
Virginia's Native Americans. Explore a
Native American village and find out
what life was like for Virginia's first
watermen.
 Sponsor: Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science
 Center
 Location: Virginia Aquarium Marsh Pavilion
 717 General Booth Boulevard
 Time: Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Saturdays: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
 Closed Sundays
 Admission: Toddler Programs free to Aquarium
 members; non-members free with paid
 Aquarium admission (see Web below)
 Contact: (757) 385-7777
 Web: www.virginiaaquarium.com

Ongoing Events

October 1–31 **Courtland**
 Exhibit: **INDIAN ARTIFACTS—Display of**
Indian artifacts and projectile points
found locally.
 Sponsor: Southampton Agriculture & Forestry
 Museum / Heritage Village
 Location: 26135 Heritage Lane
 Time: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday—March
 thru November: 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
 Admission: \$1
 Contact: (757) 653-9554

October 1–31 **Williamsburg**
 Open **MANOR HOUSE ca. 1735, DESIGNED**
 House: **by “OUR MOST SKILLFUL**
ARCHITECT”—Artifacts found on the
farm—a self-guided tour of this National
Landmark and Historical Register home.
Staff-led group tours by arrangement.
 Sponsor: Powhatan Resort
 Location: Powhatan Plantation & Manor House
 3601 Ironbound Road
 Time: 8 a.m.–6 p.m.: Daily
 Admission: Free to the public
 Contact: (757) 220-1200 Ext. 13779

October 1–November 22

Warsaw

Wednesday–Saturday

Exhibit: **ARCHAEOLOGY at LUNNENBURG PARISH, LOWER CHURCH**—A new exhibit featuring artifacts and information from the archaeological dig at Lunenburg Parish, Lower Church.

Sponsor: Richmond County Museum

Location: 5874 Richmond Road

Time: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Contact: (804) 333-3607

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

FIRST PEOPLE: The Early Indians of Virginia, by Keith Egloff and Deborah Woodward The new edition will be available in October, 2006. To order a copy from the University of Virginia Press go to:
www.upress.virginia.edu/newandforth.html

ARK—The Virginia Indian Archaeological Resource Kit. This ARK contains books, drawings, videos, replicas, and a computer game that will give students a variety of ways to explore archaeology and the Indians of Virginia. The kit circulates on temporary loan at no cost. Contact Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS & STUDENTS

AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES—Museums, teachers, and educational organizations may check out ARK kits at no cost by calling Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

ARK—The African American Archaeological Resource Kit. This new kit of resource materials for teachers was produced by the Education Committee of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. It contains artifacts, artifact identification flash cards, maps and site plans, a card game based on foodways, and explanatory material on each of three sites.

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch_DHR/archaeo_teach.htm

Teachers! Now available online—the Teacher Guide and Activity Book to *Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab*. The exhibition and the guide use archaeological sites and historic places to illustrate the processes of discovering the tangible evidence of our past. To get your free copy call Dee DeRoche (367) 2323 Ext. 134.

Lesson plans using archaeology These lesson plans, for elementary and middle school students, are tied to appropriate Standards of Learning and were developed in association with the *Becoming a Homeplace* section of the Virginia Historical Society's major exhibition, *The Story of Virginia*. Plans are posted on the VHS site, link available from the above DHR site address.

& In November

PUBLIQUE FFAIRE
Isle of Wight Academy, Smithfield
1711 Courthouse Highway, Highway 258
November 4, 2006

First Saturday in November, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Publique Ffaire (1670–1770), Isle of Wight County The Isle of Wight County Museum Foundation will recreate and re-establish for modern times the *Publique Ffares* or *Marts*, licensed by the colonial government in 1677. In partnership with the Nansemond Indian Tribal Association, and made possible by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

- Native American Dance Circle
- Isle of Wight Heritage Colonial Dancers of Smithfield
- Native American Historic Interpreters
- Colonial Re-enactors and Crafts Demonstrators
- Modern Indian Craftspeople
- Historic Forum on the early Virginia Landscape
- Keynote speaker: Helen C. Roundtree, Ph.D.
- 17th-Century Puppet Show by *Historic Diversions*
- Archeological Society of Virginia will host an Artifact Identification Table

For further information contact the Smithfield/Isle of Wight
CVB: (800) 365-9339, (757) 357-5182
www.smithfield-virginia.com